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Origins of Detente Unfold

Speech by Walt Rostow Was Eyeopener

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Washington — Quietly and discreetly, the Administration is bringing out into the open what for sometime now has been bandied about as "secret policy."

Walt Whitman Rostow, President Johnson's assistant for national security affairs, gave a talk at the University of Leeds in England, on Feb.

23 that attracted moderate notice in the press. Obviously, this is all that it ordinarily would have warranted.

Knowledgeable circles here in the national capital at once spotted some telltale points in his address as of special significance. These points included:

1. Moving towards "reconciliation and cooperation" with Communist regimes.
2. "Global cooperative enterprises in the fields of aid, trade, money and in various technical fields."
3. Working toward disarmament and a "normal" relationship with Red China.

Complete Procedure

Superficially, these objectives may sound inviting. However, as translated into action here in Washington, they describe a whole procedure of appeasement and unilateral disarmament.

The policy of cooperation with the Soviet Union has required many years of preparation. The groundwork for this was laid down by the State Department, acting through its covert arm, the Central Intelligence Agency. By 1956, this line had been publicized in Rostow's policy-setting book subsidized by the CIA and bearing the comprehensive title, "The United States in the World Arena."

This book was part of CIA's "Project GENIS," conducted at the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Only

now has it become general knowledge that the MIT center, as well as an entire interlocking network of supposedly independent foundations, university research groups and publishing houses have functioned over the years as State Department accessories for the CIA.

'Brainwashed' Students

This was not entirely a matter of foreign relations. In violation of the spirit of the law, the more important aspect of the Rostow book and others financed by the CIA was their use in indoctrinating American students and the public.

Such books are used by colleges and universities across the country as well as by government agencies. Until recently, the students and teachers who used them usually had no idea that they were being indoctrinated with what constitutes plain government propaganda. They did not know that Rostow was on the CIA payroll at that time or that a number of those whom he cited in the preface of his book as his advisers and collaborators on the project were financed by the CIA for working along specific political lines. This had to coincide with the points just made public recently by Rostow in his London speech.

Official Policy?

What has now become official was spelled out on page 549 of the CIA-financed book under the heading of "the United States and the Decline of Nationhood." There is this statement: "It is a legitimate American national objective to see removed from all nations—including the United States—the right to use substantial military force to pursue their own interests."

Here we recognize the disarmament drive which has translated itself into shortages of weaponry in Vietnam and a

one-way reliance on supposedly tacit arms control agreements with the Soviets which they never entered into or observed. It is all in Defense Secretary McNamara's mind. Rostow added:

"Since this residual right is the root of national sovereignty and the basis for the existence of an international arena of power, it is therefore, an American interest to see an end to nationhood as it has been historically defined."

This book argues for a movement in the direction of a "federalized world organization under effective international law."

Mind you, the promotion of world government and the downgrading of our national security has all along been part of secret policy, now being disclosed.

Significantly, the CIA-sponsored book urges the downgrading of our security system. Is this part of the package of concessions that have been made to the Soviet Union? The answer is yes. The Rostow book states (Page 531):

Initial Tipoff

"It should now become possible to make the personnel security system a more limited operation."

Significantly, it was when Rostow held an overt post as head of the State Department's policy planning board, that Otto F. Otcpka, the agency's security chief, was removed from his post.

This was just a tip of the iceberg in a far bigger Administration operation that has been trying to convince the public that the Soviet Union is no threat. It dovetails with the fundamental Communist of using our hope for peace as a device to lure us into letting down our guard.

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